

PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re application of:

Docket No: A10758

Martin E. Fermann

Appeal No.: 2010-005849

Appln. No.: 09/785,944

Group Art Unit: 2814

Confirmation No.: 7227

Examiner: SAYADIAN, HRAYR

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For: MODE-LOCKED MULTI-MODE FIBER LASER PULSE SOURCE

REQUEST FOR RESETTING OF ORAL HEARING DATE

Commissioner for Patents
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Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

Attention to: Ms. Jody Flackowitz:

Appellants hereby request a resetting of the date of the Oral Hearing in the above-identified application before the Patent and Trademark Office Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

As mentioned to Ms. Flackowitz in a phone call on December 23, the undersigned attorney has just been informed by Applicants in the last few days that Applicants intend to transfer this application to the undersigned's firm, for purposes of assigning to the undersigned the task of arguing the upcoming Appeal. Contemporaneously with the present filing, a Revocation and Power of Attorney in favor of the undersigned's firm is being filed.

Given the holiday period, the undersigned has not yet had much opportunity to review the file history, but does note that there is more than a decade's worth of file

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history to assimilate, even before considering the parent application. Also, there are a large number of issues in this appeal, including several rather beyond the usual prior art issues one normally expects in an appeal.

In addition, the undersigned is currently involved in inter-parties matters having due dates in January and February, which are subject to the "special dispatch" standard and therefore difficult to move, whereas the present case is not.

For all of the above reasons, the undersigned requests a hearing date postponement on the order of two months, to a convenient time in March 2012; or as the Board may see fit according to their schedules.

Respectfully submitted,

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